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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer, PR, Pachipenta, Vizianagaram District (now Retd.) - Trapped on 01.02.2011 – Initiated departmental proceedings - Charges framed under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry Authority appointed – Charges not held proved – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.62

Dated:14.02.2023.
Read the following :

1. From the DG, ACB, Letter Rc. No. 26/RCT-VVZ/2011, dated: 13.07.2011,
2. Govt. Memo NO. 3424/Vig.II/A2/2011-2, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dt: 06.03.2012.
3. From the DG, ACB, Letter Rc. NO. 26/RCT-VVZ/11, dated: 14.08.2014.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1049, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, dt: 25.11.2014.
5. From the ENC, PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/1383/2012, dt:03.03.2015.
6. G.O.Rt.NO.1244, PR&RD(Vig.I)Department, Dt: 08.11.2018.
7. From the SE,PR, Vizianagaram and Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc. No. 2271/V&E Cases/2018/SA, dt: 30.04.2021.
8. Govt.Memo.No.3424/Vig.I/2011-13,PR&RD(Vig.I)Department, Dt: 01.01.2022.
9. From Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, Asst. Engineer (PR) (Retired), representation dt: 21.02.2022.

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O R D E R:

Whereas it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Pachipenta, Vizianagraram District was trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials on 01.02.2011 while demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs.4,000/- from the complainant Sri Dannana Parameswara Rao, S/o. Late Satyanarayana, Pachipenta Village & Mandal, Vizianagaram District for doing official favour ie., preparing the work estimate pertains to the incomplete CC Road near Nookalamma Temple, Pachipenta Village and to forward the same to the Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Saluru for technical sanction.

2. And whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau has furnished final report to Government duly recommending to accord sanction to prosecute the Accused Officer Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Pachipenta, Vizianagaram District in a court of law on the above allegation of corruption, among others.

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3. And whereas, Government after careful examination of the matter have taken decision to initiate departmental action against the individual instead of prosecution. Accordingly in the reference 2nd read above, Government have informed the above decision and requested the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau to furnish draft article of charges against the individual for taking further action in the matter.

4. And whereas, accordingly, Government vide reference 4th read above, have initiated disciplinary proceedings against the accused officer Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Pachipenta, Vizianagraram District under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 duly framing the following article of charge, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:

Charge :

That Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao, while working as Mandal Engineering Officer (Assistant Engineer) at Pachipenta Mandal, Vizianagaram District, has taken an amount of Rs.4,000/- towards bribe from Sri Dannana Parameswara Rao S/o Satyanarayana, Civil Contractor, Gajula Veedhi, Pachipenta Village on 01.02.2011, at his office located in MPDO's office building, Pachipenta for doing an official favour i.e., to prepare the work estimation of incomplete CC road near Nookambika temple at Pachipenta and to forward it to Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Salur for technical sanction and failed to maintain absolute integrity and thereby violated the provisions of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao by his above mentioned act has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1)(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

5. And whereas in the reference 5th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, among others, has furnished dated acknowledgment copy regarding service of charges on the charged officer on 02.01.2015. But the charged officer has not submitted his written statement of defence.

6. Government after examination of the matter have taken a decision to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 6thread above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Vizianagaram District as the Enquiry Officer under Rule 20 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the above charge framed against the charged officer, among others.

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7. And whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report along with his findings wherein the Inquiry Authority among others, has held that the charge framed against the charged officer is not held proved.

8. And whereas, in the reference 8th read above, while communicating a copy of the inquiry report, the charged officer i.e., Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR), has been directed to submit his representation if any on the findings of the Inquiry Officer, among others.

9. And whereas in the reference 9th read above, the charged officer Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Pachipenta, Vizianagaram District (Retd.) has submitted his representation and among others he has stated that the inquiry officer after examining the facts, has concluded that the charge is not held proved against him. He had retired from service on 31.08.2018 and his pensionary benefits are pending. He has requested to consider the findings of inquiry and conclude the disciplinary proceedings against him for receiving his pensionary benefits at an early date.

10. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided and accordingly hereby drop further action against Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Pachipenta, erstwhile Vizianagaram District and now Parvatipuram Manyam District (now Retired) in the matter.

11. The Engineer-in-Chef, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S Venkata Ramana Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Pachipenta, erstwhile Vizianagaram District and now Parvatipuram Manyam District (now Retired)
through the Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish the served copy)

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD.
The PS to Special Chief Secy. to Govt, PR&RD Dept.,
The PR&RD (Estt. I) Department.
The AG, AP, Vijayawada.
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